Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State governmental agencies that are dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and organizations; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Social Services, 35th Circuit Children's Division, which includes both Stoddard and Dunklin counties, has achieved the goal of Accreditation through hard work and best practice to area families; and

Whereas, the 35th Circuit Children's Division will be recognized by the Council on Accreditation during a special ceremony to be held on June 25, 2007, at the Malden Community Center in Malden, Missouri; and

Whereas, the Council on Accreditation partners with human service organizations world wide to improve service delivery outcomes by developing, applying, and promoting accreditation standards; and

Whereas, the Council on Accreditation envisions excellence in the delivery of human services globally, resulting in the well-being of individuals, families, and communities; and

Whereas, the Council on Accreditation views accreditation as a catalyst for change that builds on an organization's strengths and helps it achieve better results in all areas

Whereas, an organization is evaluated against best-practice standards, which are developed using a consensus model with input from a wide range of service providers, funders, experts, policymakers, and consumers:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the goals and accomplishments associated with the Missouri Department of Social Services, 35th Circuit Children's Division, and to convey to those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for continued success; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Missouri Department of Social Services, 35th Circuit Children's Division.

Offered by	
	Representative Billy Pat Wright
	District No. 159
	Representative Terry Swinger
	District No. 162
	Representative Steve Hodges
	District No. 161
	Representative Thomas Todd
	District No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4013, adopted June 11, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker